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TO: All NRCS Employees

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This year, Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated from September 15 - October 15, 2007. The theme is "Hispanic Americans: Making a Positive Impact in American Society," and celebrates the positive impact Hispanic Americans continue to have on the growth and development of our Nation. To help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Kara Nelson, Soil Conservationist at the Balsam Lake Service Center in Wisconsin, created a poster surrounding the theme and was the winner of the Hispanic Poster Contest.

Learning about Hispanic Americans helps build and improve Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program delivery efforts and its diversity in the workforce. It is essential that NRCS continue to acknowledge and celebrate the progress Hispanic Americans have made throughout the years and continue to cultivate such notable leaders in government, such as:

- Lauro Fred Cavazos Jr. - First Hispanic to serve in a United States Cabinet;
- Antonia Coello Novello - First Hispanic woman Surgeon General; and
- Edward Hidalgo - First Hispanic U.S. Secretary of the Navy.

Please join us in supporting the many activities taking place around the Nation in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month. If you need more information on the Hispanic Emphasis Program, please contact Gilberto F. Guerrero, National Hispanic Emphasis Program Manager, Civil Rights Division, at (301) 504-2336.

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